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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	S.A. Iliff, <i>et al.</i>		
Serial No.:	09/928,679	Case No.:	20869
Filed:	August 13, 2001		
For:	SAFETY SHIELD		

Art Unit:
3764

Examiner:
M. A. Brown

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 29, 2004, and having a period for response extended until November 21, 2004, by the accompanying petition for extension of time and appropriate fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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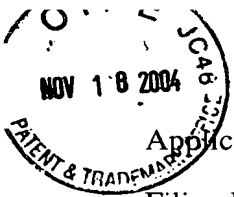
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